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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD)

SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT - PRESS CHARTER

REF: A) MANILA 16454; B) STATE 277352

1. FONOFF HAS REITERATED THAT GOJ HAS NO LEGAL BASIS FOR AUTHORIZING USE OF YOKOTA AFB BY TWA PRESS CHARTER. WE SEE NO CHANCE OF REVERSING THIS POSITION.

2. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO PRESS GOJ TO ALLOW CHARTER USE OF HANEDA, BUT ARE VERY DOUBTFUL THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO IN VIEW OF NATIONWIDE RAIL STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR TEN DAYS FROM NOVEMBER 26 AND INEVITABLE INCREASE IN ALREADY HEAVY AIR TRAFFIC.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM LOCAL TWA REP THAT TWA HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALREADY RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM GOJ TO USE

FUKUOKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ARRIVING AT 251010Z
AND DEPARTING AT 260210Z NOVEMBER. WE BELIEVE IT
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE - IF PRC AUTHORITIES ARE WIL-
LING TO WAIVE PERSONAL APPEARANCE - TO HAVE ONE PERSON COLLECT
PASSPORTS AND VISA FEES ON ARRIVAL IN FUKUOKA
FLY THEM TO TOKYO, AND RETURN VISAED PASSPORTS
ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND USLO
PEKING DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF THIS PROPOSAL
WITH PRC AUTHORITIES.

4. IF THE FOREGOING DOES NOT WORK OUT, WE
ARE ALSO EXPLORING ON AN URGENT BASIS THE POSSIBILITY
OF HAVING TWA AIRCRAFT PROCEED FROM FUKUOKA TO HANEDA
MORNING OF 26 NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO PERMIT PASSENGERS
TO OBTAIN VISAS. OBTAINING VISAS BEFORE DEPARTURE
FROM US OR PARA 3 APPROACH WOULD APPEAR TO OFFER
BEST MEANS OF SOLVING THIS PROBLEM.
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